

1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
2 DISTRICT OF NEVADA

3 ALEX LOPEZ, *et al.*,  
4 Plaintiffs,  
5 v.  
6 GAV KWOK, *et al.*,  
7 Defendants.  
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Case No. 2:25-cv-01033-GMN-NJK

**Order**

9 On June 27, 2025, Defendants Gav Kwok and Freedom Isle LLC filed their answer. Docket  
10 No. 5.

11 “A corporation may appear in federal court only through licensed counsel.” *United States*  
12 *v. High Country Broadcasting Co.*, 3 F.3d 1244, 1245 (9th Cir. 1993). *See also Rowland v. Cal.*  
13 *Men's Colony, Unit II Men's Advisory Council*, 506 U.S. 194, 201-02 (1993) (“It has been the law  
14 for the better part of two centuries ... that a corporation may appear in the federal courts only  
15 through licensed counsel”). Here, Defendant Kwok specifically states that he is appearing *pro se*  
16 and as the authorized representative for Defendant Freedom Isle LLC. Docket No. 5 at 4.  
17 Therefore, Defendant Freedom Isle LLC is in violation of the law requiring a corporation to appear  
18 through licensed counsel.

19 Accordingly, it is **ORDERED** that Defendant Freedom Isle LLC must retain licensed  
20 counsel to represent it in this case and said counsel must enter an appearance on the Docket no  
21 later than **August 1, 2025**. The failure of an appearance of licensed counsel on behalf of Defendant  
22 Freedom Isle LLC may result in sanctions. The Clerk's Office is **INSTRUCTED** to add  
23 Defendants' contact information to the Docket. *See* Docket No. 5 at 4-5.

24 IT IS SO ORDERED.

25 Dated: July 1, 2025

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28 Nancy J. Koppe  
United States Magistrate Judge